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1. UN Palestine mediator requests Soviet observers--US Embassy  
London has learned from a UK Foreign Office official that UN Mediator Bernadotte requested the Soviet Embassy in Cairo to supply him with military observers. The UK official stated that the Foreign Office prefers to have observers drawn from small neutral states but is receptive to the US idea of drawing on member states of the Truce Commission.

The Department of State has instructed US Embassy Cairo to inform Bernadotte in strictest confidence that the US "would not be pleased" to furnish observers if the USSR or its Satellites were invited to do so.

2. Arabs thought willing to end Palestine War--An officer of the  
US Consulate General in Jerusalem has gained the impression from conversations with King Abdullah of Transjordan and his Prime Minister that the Arabs would be glad to call off the war if they could do so without losing face in their own countries and abroad. The consulate officer feels that the Prime Minister did not appear particularly optimistic over future negotiations, but that the Prime Minister, the King, and other Transjordan officials strongly desire an end to hostilities. The consulate officer was told that in the recent Amman talks of the Arab states, the Prime Minister joined with the Egyptian Foreign Minister in urging acceptance of the UN cease-fire proposal despite vigorous opposition from Syria, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia, which evidently were suspicious of Transjordan's intentions.

**EUROPE**

3. FRANCE: Blum will support Government on critical issues--  
Socialist Leader Leon Blum has informed US Ambassador Caffery that he will try to prevent an overthrow of the Government on the controversial issues of religious schools and French participation in the London agreements on Germany. Blum said

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he would make this effort despite his lack of complete agreement with the Government's position on these matters.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the Socialists will not press their dissatisfaction to the point of causing the overthrow of the Government.)

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4. INDONESIA: Soviet move precipitates serious crisis -- Chairman Du Bois of the US delegation in the UN Good Offices Committee reports that Soviet recognition of the Republic of Indonesia has precipitated a serious crisis between the Dutch and the Indonesians. The US delegation considers that the Republic has gone as far as it can be expected to go at this time in disavowing any relationship with the USSR and that Dutch suspension of negotiations over this issue would be disastrous. Du Bois points out that there is increasing evidence that Vredenburg, chairman of the Dutch delegation, has no interest in reaching a reasonable political agreement with the Republic. Du Bois considers that Vredenburg's attitude makes it impossible for the Republic to extricate itself from the dilemma resulting from the Soviet move and may even enhance, in Republican minds, the value of the Soviet connection.

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